

REMARKS


In accordance with the Amendment Responsive to Interview with Examiner Patel on March 18, 2005, including a telephone discussion with the Examiner on that date and a subsequent discussion with Examiner Patel as to the need to amend various of the other independent claims in a similar fashion, Applicants submit herewith the subject Supplemental Preliminary Amendment which, is respectfully submitted, placing all pending claims of the application in allowable condition, which action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned counsel for Applicant to confirm that the application is now placed in condition for allowance and/or to take such other action, as necessary, to accomplish that result.

Respectfully submitted,

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